

Short Read Workshop Day 6

Introduction to R and RStudio

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Day 6 Overview

1. Running `R` in the terminal
2. Running `R` in `RStudio`
3. Submitting `R script` as an sbatch job



Goal of the day

Learn how to run R code!

Practice installing packages, tidying data, saving files and plotting.



What is R?

- R is a free statistical computing and graphing software
- Can be installed from their website <https://www.r-project.org/>
- R can be run in a few environments:
 - RStudio
 - Jupyter



There are different ways to interact with R

R console

```
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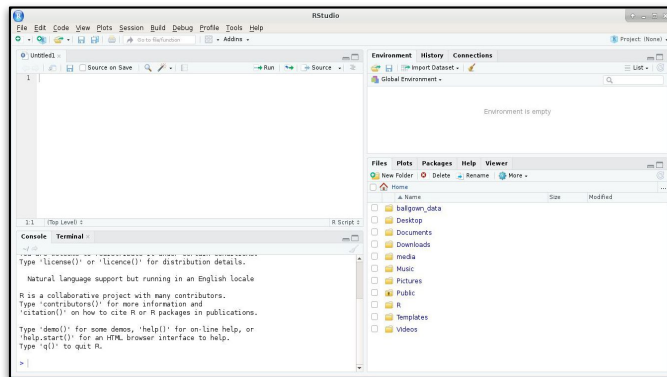
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```

Enter **R code** here

Interactive

R Studio



Enter **R code** and **visualize plots**

More interactive

Submit an R script as a job

```
#!/bin/bash

# Job name
# Mail events (NONE, BEGIN, END, FAIL, ALL)
# Where to send mail
# Number of cores job will run on
# Number of CPU (processors, tasks)
# Time limit hrs:min:sec
# Job queue
# Memory limit

#SBATCH --job-name=feature_counts
#SBATCH --mail-type=ALL
#SBATCH --mail-user=email@colorado.edu
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=4
#SBATCH --time=1:00:00
#SBATCH --partition compute
#SBATCH --mem=4gb
#SBATCH --output=/scratch/Users/rutendos/e_and_o/xx_xj.out
#SBATCH --error=/scratch/Users/rutendos/e_and_o/xx_xj.err

##### SET VARIABLES #####
FEATURECOUNTS=/scratch/Users/rutendos/day6/featureCounts/scripts/d6_featureCounts.R

##### PRINT JOB INFO #####

printf "Sample ID: $ROOTNAME"
printf "\nDirectory: $PROJECT"
printf "\nRun on: $(hostname)"
printf "\nRun from: $(pwd)"
printf "\nScript: $0\n"
date

printf "\nYou've requested $SLURM_CPUS_ON_NODE core(s). \n"

#####

Rscript $FEATURECOUNTS
```

Run **R script** here

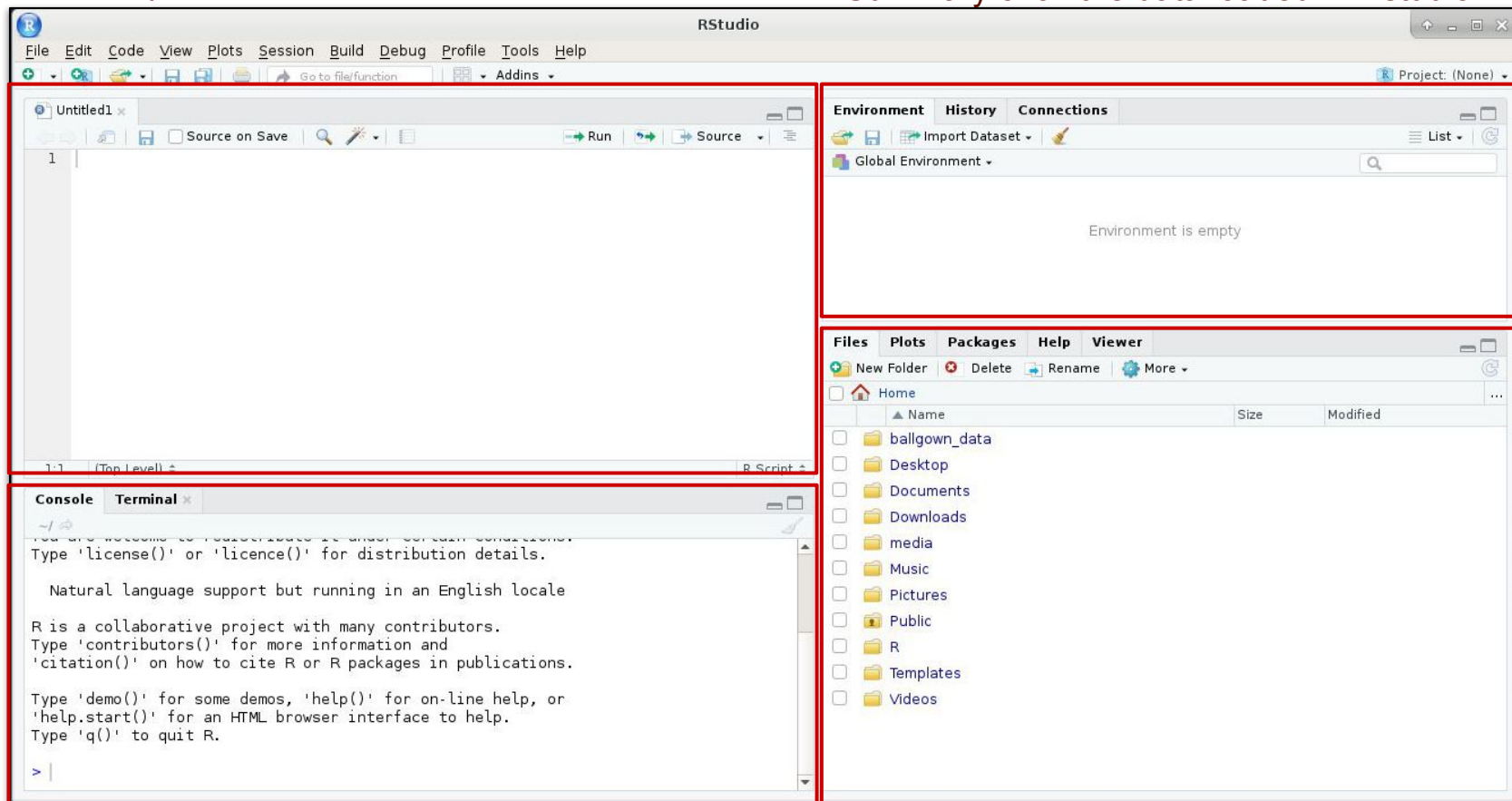
Least interactive

For more compute intensive scripts

Summary of RStudio

R scripts, R markdown, R notebooks

Summary of all the data loaded in Rstudio



R console, Terminal

Directories, Plots, Packages...

Brief introduction to R syntax

Getting Help

Accessing the help files

?mean

Get help of a particular function.

help.search('weighted mean')

Search the help files for a word or phrase.

help(package = 'dplyr')

Find help for a package.

More about an object

str(iris)

Get a summary of an object's structure.

class(iris)

Find the class an object belongs to.

Using Libraries

install.packages('dplyr')

Download and install a package from CRAN.

library(dplyr)

Load the package into the session, making all its functions available to use.

dplyr::select

Use a particular function from a package.

data(iris)

Load a built-in dataset into the environment.

Working Directory

getwd()

Find the current working directory (where inputs are found and outputs are sent).

setwd('C://file/path')

Change the current working directory.

Use projects in RStudio to set the working directory to the folder you are working in.

Vectors

Creating Vectors

<code>c(2, 4, 6)</code>	2 4 6	Join elements into a vector
<code>2:6</code>	2 3 4 5 6	An integer sequence
<code>seq(2, 3, by=0.5)</code>	2.0 2.5 3.0	A complex sequence
<code>rep(1:2, times=3)</code>	1 2 1 2 1 2	Repeat a vector
<code>rep(1:2, each=3)</code>	1 1 1 2 2 2	Repeat elements of a vector

Reading and Writing Data

Input	Output	Description
<code>df <- read.table('file.txt')</code>	<code>write.table(df, 'file.txt')</code>	Read and write a delimited text file.
<code>df <- read.csv('file.csv')</code>	<code>write.csv(df, 'file.csv')</code>	Read and write a comma separated value file. This is a special case of read.table/write.table.
<code>load('file.Rdata')</code>	<code>save(df, file = 'file.Rdata')</code>	Read and write an R data file, a file type special for R.

<https://iqss.github.io/dss-workshops/R/Rintro/base-r-cheat-sheet.pdf>

R you ready to learn some R?

- Let's go over the [Day6_worksheet1_Introduction_to_R.md](#) worksheet:
 - Introduction to R in the terminal
 - Learn basic R commands

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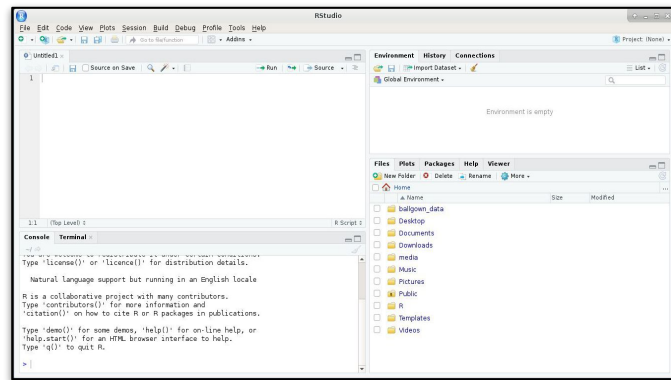
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R console

Learning R in RStudio

- In [Day6_worksheet2_R_in_Rstudio.md](#) (Section A):
- We will go over the [Learning_R.R](#) worksheet in R Studio:
 - Introduction to R and R Markdown
 - Introduction to the iris dataset
 - Installing and loading libraries
 - tidyverse
 - Generating summary statistic in R
 - Making plots with ggplot2
 - Manipulating data.frames



R Studio

Challenge Question

- How would you perform a computationally intensive R job?
 - i.e. Requires more memory than on your personal computer.

Writing an R script to submit on a supercomputer

- Follow [Day6_worksheet2_R_in_Rstudio.md](#) (Section B):
- Edit [Learning_R_submit_aws.R](#)
 - Save plots and tables to a working directory in the script
- Run the R script as a job on AWS
 - Use the [RScript](#) command to call your script

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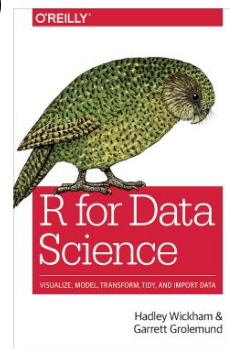
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More resources for R

- ggplot2 website <https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/>
- R-bloggers <https://www.r-bloggers.com/>
- Quick-R <https://www.statmethods.net/>
- R for Data Science (by Hadley Wickham & Garrett Grolemund)
<http://r4ds.had.co.nz/>



Homework

1. Complete the [Learning_R_Additional_Practice.R](#)

This homework will go over most of the topics covered today, but on a different dataset. There will be more advanced questions that build on what was in the inclass session.

2. For **Project B (multi-omics)**

- Install [rsubread](#)

Install this in R on AWS.

- install [DESeq2](#)

Install this on your local machine.

This takes a long time, so get this installed before Day7.